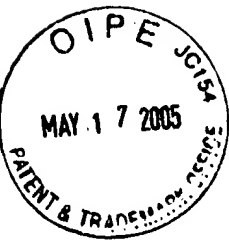


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for an extension of three months (from February 17, 2005, to May 17, 2005) within which to respond to the Office Action dated November 17, 2004. Applicants are filing a continuation application instead of replying to the Office Action. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1020.00 to cover the fee for a three month extension of time. If additional time is required, please consider this a conditional petition

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therefore. It is believed that no additional fees are due in connection with this
Petition. If this is incorrect, however, please charge any additional fees to Deposit
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Respectfully submitted,

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